

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 22-41 and 48-55 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 17, 22, and 23 being independent. Claim 17 has been amended; claims 21 and 42-47 have been canceled; and claims 48-55 have been added. Claims 48-55 specify that executing multiple browser application instantiations may include executing multiple “*multiple-windowed* browser application instantiations” or multiple “*single-windowed* browser application instantiations.” Support for these claims may be found on page 17, lines 26-31 in the application specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have amended the title of the application to be more descriptive.

Independent claim 17 and its dependent claim 21 have been rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Examiner contends that the computer readable medium is not limited to tangible embodiments. While applicants disagree with this rejection, applicants have canceled claim 21 and amended claim 17 to recite a “tangible” computer readable medium to expedite prosecution.

Independent claims 1, 17, 22 and 23, along with their dependent claims 2-10, 14-16, 18-20 and 24-41, have been rejected as being anticipated by Stimmel (U.S. Patent No. 6,678,719). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1, 17, 22 and 23 each recite the simultaneous execution of multiple instantiations of a browser application at a client in response to electronic data received from a host. At least one of the multiple instantiations is configured to exchange messages with at least one other of the multiple instantiations of the browser application. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 17, 22 and 23 because Stimmel does not describe or suggest the recited execution of *multiple intercommunicating instantiations* of a browser application *at a single client*.

Stimmel describes a virtual workplace intercommunication system that includes multiple interconnected client systems (i.e., users 28, 30) communicating across a network 10. Each user client system 28, 30 includes a browser application configured to access the Internet 16. The browser application also includes an additional communication program module or plug-in that

enables it to communicate with other user client systems 28, 30. See col. 2, line 66 to col. 3, line 13; col. 3, lines 24-27. While Stimmel is rather unclear about this, the browser application included in each user client system 28, 30 may support multiple windows (e.g., a user list window 32 and one or more communication windows 36). See col. 4, lines 3-14. Nevertheless, Stimmel does not describe or suggest executing multiple intercommunicating browser application *instantiations* at a single client system, as claimed. Rather, stimmel only describes execution of a single multi-windowed browser application instantiation having a communication plug-in. The fact that the browser application supports multiple windows and has additional code that provides it with the additional communication functionality to communicate with other client systems does not change the fact that each user client system 28, 30 still executes only a single instance (i.e., running or opening) of that browser application.

For at least these reasons, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 17, 22 and 23 and their dependent claims 2-10, 14-16, 18-20 and 24-41.

Claims 11-13, which depend from claim 1, have been rejected as being unpatentable over Stimmel in view of Busey (U.S. Patent No. 6,785,708). Busey does not remedy the failure of Stimmel to describe or suggest executing multiple intercommunicating instantiations of a browser application at a single client. Specifically, Busey describes client systems capable of communicating with each other and the Internet through use of a browser application and a chat application that are dynamically linked together at each client system. See col. 6, lines 22-32. Like Stimmel, Busey's client systems, however, only execute a single instantiation of this dynamically linked browser application, rather than multiple intercommunicating instantiations (at a single client system) as claimed. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11-13.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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